

TWA RETIRED PILOTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

DATE: APRIL 12, 2018 12:00 PM EST

ATTENDING: CAPT. GENE YORK, PRESIDENT, CAPT. BOB KUVILA, FRIST VICE PRESIDENT, CAPT. JIM ROE, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-SECRETARY, CAPT. ED MADIGAN, TREASURER, CAPT. CHARLIE WILDER, SENIOR DIRETOR, CAPT. S.R. DUSTY WEST, PAST PRESIDENT, CAPT. BOB DEDMAN , HOSPILATY DIRECTOR, CAPT. BILL KIRSCHNER, TOPICS DIRECTOR, CAPT. BOB WILLCUTTS, WEBMASER, CAPT. GUY FORTIER, CONTRIBUTING TOPICS COLUMMNIST AND FLOWN WEST COORDINATOR, VICKI McGOWEN, MARKETING

The board agreed to send a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Grey Eagles for the San Diego convention expenses.

The board voted to send \$500.00 to the Flight 800 Memorial Fund.

Capt. Charlie Wilder reported the TWA bank fund is very low as this year's tax return was a \$1,100 loss over the previous year, and expenses need to be cut. The Bank of America account is \$20,000 at this time. TWA currently has 403 members with \$12,000 collected in dues this year. There are 99 delinquent members. We may lose 60 or 70 people this year and be forced to go into reserves for funds.

Vicki suggested a deal might be made with COMMUNITY AMERICA CREDIT UNION where we offer marketing promotions such as advertisements in the magazine for payment. These promotions we offer to be separate from convention mailings. It was suggested the president approach the Grey Eagles on this idea. It would be a reposition approach to CACU.

Bob Dedman reported the MILITARY AIR MUSEUM in Virginia Beach has a new director who is posting his (Bob's) articles on the internet as "TWA TOPICS" He also suggested we separate from the Grey Eagles and that most of our board are members of the Grey Eagles. A discussion followed as to how we might rearrange the way we work with COMMUNITY AMERICA CREDIT UNION.

Bill Kirschner reported the May TWA Magazine is currently at the printers, and will be ready the first of May. The main thrust of the magazine will be the center fold of Bob Dedman's and Bob Kavula's articles, as well as The TWA hotel to open with 500 rooms. It was suggested we all need to make our hotel reservations. The \$200 - \$250 room charge will be in line with other New York Hotels.

Thank you to Bob Dedman, Bob Kavula and others for their work in getting subscribers for the TOPICS MAGAZINE.

Vicki announced that 104 staterooms have been signed up for the December 1, 2018 cruise. This attendance is low and perhaps the date is not appealing to many. Vicki was asked if the Grey

Eagles would give us funding if they advertise in the TOPICS MAGAZINE. She answered "I don't know." It was suggested that we might advertise in the GREY EAGLES NEWS LETTER. It was suggested that when looking for the FLOWN WEST next of kin, to check with the American Airlines Personnel department and ask them to send us a list of next of kin. This will help us stay up to date with this.

The Grey Eagles are planning a 2019 cruise on the Pacific and proceeding the cruise will be a pre cruise train trip from Vancouver to San Francisco. This will include a motor coach to Calgary with an overnight in Banff, Jasper National Park, followed with a two day train trip to Vancouver. The cost will be about \$2,000 each.

Vicki reported having about five sessions of negotiations with CELEBRATY CRUISE LINE in order to get reasonable fees. This would be the West Coast Swing trip. 120 rooms have been blocked and this will be in the November TOPICS MAGAZINE.

The opening of the TWA Hotel was discussed to include a preview before it opens – or a shake down (soft opening). This idea will be discussed with the SENIORS group. Vicki will contact them and let us know their thoughts. Dave Pakiz, the 2020 president of Grey Eagles, offered to help with a group get-together as a preview before the hotel opens. He is considering Tucson as the 2020 Grey Eagles convention.

Capt. ED Madigan volunteered to edit the TWA email list. The TARPA banner is no longer in use and will be placed in the TWA Museum.

There was no old business.

New Business:

1. The 2019-2020 convention will be at the new TWA Hotel in New York. Gene will work with Don Fleming on the date.
2. Check the TWA website for the latest news.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 EST

Note: Check the calendar daily for future conference call meetings, or write a letter. Learn to add a call for three on your phone.

Revised copy by

Secretary,

Capt. Jim Roe

